GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1914
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2000
FREIGHT OPERATION INFORMATION SYSTEM
AKHILESH YADAV

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have introduced freight operation information system (FOIS);

(b) If so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon along with the name of the company which has awarded the contract for setting up the FOIS;

(c) the present status of the FOIS;

(d) the amount of losses suffered by Railways so far; and

(e) the names of the persons/authority held responsible for such losses and the action contemplated to be taken by the Government against them?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1914 BY SHRI AKHILESH YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.11.2000 REGARDING FREIGHT OPERATION INFORMATION SYSTEM.

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Freight Operations Information System (FOIS) of the Indian Railways is an online system for management and control of freight movement. The system assists managers to optimize asset utilization. Once fully implemented, it will enable freight customers to have instant access to information regarding the current status of their consignments in transit. There are two core modules of the FOIS − Rake Management System (TMS) for management of the loading/unloading freight terminals. The contract for developing the software has been awarded to M/s CMC Ltd., an undertaking under Ministry of Information Technology (MIT), after a partnership was set up between Ministry of Railways and MIT for executing this work through their respective technical arms, Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) and CMC. The total expenditure on the project so far is about Rs.216 crores.

(c) One core module for monitoring the movement of rakes has already been implemented successfully on the Northern Railway. This is likely to be extended over all Indian Railways by March 2001. The other core module for management of terminals is likely to be implemented by the end of March 2003.

(d) There is no financial loss suffered by the Railways.

(e) Does not arise.